

In re Application of: Wilt et al.
Application No.: 10/074,286

Remarks

In the application, claims 5, 9 through 12, 15, 27, 30 through 33, and 36 are pending. No claims currently stand allowed.

The Office Action dated September 28, 2004, has been carefully considered. The Office Action rejects claims 1 through 4, 6 through 8, 13, 14, 16 through 26, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 37 through 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of U.S. Patents 5,844,569 and 6,753,878. Claims 5, 9 through 12, 15, 27, 30 through 33, and 36 are objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten to remove those dependencies.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that claims 5, 9 through 12, 15, 27, 30 through 33, and 36 would be allowable if they were rewritten to incorporate all of the elements of their base claims and of any intervening claims. In order to expedite issuance of this application as a patent, these claims are modified as suggested and all other claims are cancelled.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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